

Glenna Fulitano

Epsilon Omega Chapter

Kappa Kappa Psi



University of Nebraska- Lincoln

District Vice President

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Glenna Filitano

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EDUCATION

Southridge High School, Beaverton Oregon

September 2014 - June 2018

High School Diploma

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

August 2018 - Present

Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education- In Progress

International Studies Minor - In Progress

LEADERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT

Kappa Kappa Psi

March 2019 - Present

- As a new member of Kappa Kappa Psi I have learned a lot from the Road to Wisdom program. I was the Vice President of the Alpha Zeta class and participated in our class service project. I attended the 2019 Spring District Day at Iowa State University as a Membership Candidate.

Ambassador for the College of Education and Human Sciences

August 2018 - Present

- As an Ambassador I talk to prospective students and answer questions about the university and college. I encourage new students to get involved on campus and find ways to learn outside of the classroom.

Cornhusker Marching Band

August 2019 - Present

- I was a member of the Flag and Rifle lines this fall. I choreographed and taught a stands dance to the flag line. I held a positive attitude for our team, win or lose.

High School Color Guard Captain

April 2017 - June 2018

- As captain I learned to work with my coaches to communicate information between them and my team. I was able to work with team members of different experience levels on improving technique and

performance throughout the year. It also gave me the chance to organize my team's spring dance season. I put together the practice schedule and assigned people to different dances for the concert.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Dietary Aide at Maryville Nursing Home

May 2016 - Present

- I started working as a dishwasher in the kitchen of Maryville Nursing Home. I washed dishes and sent trays to units. This took a lot of teamwork and multitasking to make sure everything was being sent out on time. I also got the opportunity to train new employees in their first few weeks on the job. I taught them the ins and outs of their position until they could handle it on their own. Lastly, I worked in the dining room of the nursing home. I communicated needs between nurses and residents and worked independently to complete tasks.

Babysitting

February 2013 - Present

- Babysitting gave me the opportunity to work with adults on setting rules and following through with tasks. I also learned to work with children on specific activities. I worked with a wide range of ages and personalities to create a well rounded approach on how to work with adults, peers, and children.

Introduction

Dear Brothers, Officers, and Governors of the Midwest District of Kappa Kappa Psi,

My name is Glenna Fulitano, and I am a freshman elementary education major at the University of Nebraska- Lincoln. I am an active member of the Epsilon Omega chapter. I am involved in Campus Band where I play Euphonium, and I am a member of the flag and rifle lines in the Cornhusker Marching band. I am running for District Vice President and, I would be willing to accept the position of Secretary/Treasurer.

Qualifications

After reading the Midwest District Officer guide, and observing Jacob as the current District Vice President, it is clear that it takes a very well-rounded individual to fulfill the role. From a passion for the Fraternity to communication and organizational skills, finding a balance of personal and group motivational skills will go a long way as District Vice President.

The first qualities that stood out to me were being passionate about the growth and continuation of Kappa Kappa Psi, and self-motivation and confidence. I have only been an active member of Kappa Kappa Psi for a short amount of time, but a passion for the fraternity and its growth are not something that I lack. Attending District Day at Iowa State this Spring was the first time I saw the work that District Officers do. I want to work to encourage members to get involved outside of their own chapters. I have been working with the recruitment team for the College of Education and Human Sciences this year on recruitment techniques. I speak with prospective students and learn what I can about them to see if our college will be the right fit for them. I would bring this skill to the District Council as a way to help chapters with recruitment. Even though I am new to Kappa Kappa Psi, I hold myself to high standards and am confident of my ability to work with chapters on their growth and continuation throughout the years. I am highly motivated to help myself and others around me be the best that we can be. I believe that a positive attitude and hard work go a long way especially when trying to build a strong chapter.

The next things that I found important for a District Vice President were communication and organizational skills, and the ability to establish and complete goals in a timely manner. Organization as a whole is necessary for any leader. The inability to meet deadlines and complete tasks in a timely matter can prohibit an entire group from completing a project. I have exhibited these abilities within Kappa Kappa Psi by taking part in Epsilon Omegas Bid Packet for the District Convention in 2020. I was in charge of the Facilities Branch of the packet. I worked with other members to delegate jobs and research the facilities and services needed to accommodate a District Convention. Deadlines and organization were the keys to completing this packet. If I fell behind on planning and researching for my branch, then there would be

missing pieces in the final packet. Communication was also a large component in keeping these deadlines. Over the weeks I communicated with my group to make sure everyone understood what their job entailed. I tracked our progress to make sure we would be meeting our goal on time and asked the head of our committee for help when it was needed.

Lastly the desire to improve upon and bring new ideas to the Vice President position and Midwest District and knowledge of colonization and membership education process is something that I am very passionate about. The motto, "Strive for the Highest," is something that I like to apply to every aspect of my life. I am a very motivated and creative person so finding new things to push the District Vice President position would be an exciting challenge. As an Elementary Education major, I am very passionate about working with the Road to Wisdom lessons to make them the best they can be to educate our new members and get them excited about the history and purposes of Kappa Kappa Psi. As a new member I have first-hand knowledge of what membership education classes look like today, and I have ideas, which I bring up in the next section, to improve them and active member education.

As an Officer

I want to work with all of our chapters to create a strong and well-educated district. After attending the District Day this spring and talking to current district members, they have already begun doing this. As chapters and education classes grow, it becomes more important to continue education. As written in the role of a Vice President I want to enhance the Road to Wisdom program. I want to do this by making them more effective for a diverse audience of members with resources that are already available within the district. Second, I want to encourage continuing education for members, especially through district events. Lastly, I want to push inclusivity when recruiting for new members.

I went through the Road to Wisdom this spring and learned a lot about the Fraternity. This being said there is always room for improvement. I want to incorporate new media into the program to make it more impactful for Membership Candidates who learn better from more interactive classes. I want to do this by encouraging the use of videos and guest speakers in lessons. This incorporates the use of national and district provided resources. The first thing I found was the list of TED talks found on the national resource page. Many of them could fall in perfectly with lessons to add an outside perspective on a topic. The talks by Berné Brown on empathy and vulnerability fall in with lesson 6 on brotherhood. During lesson 4 on leadership, the "Everyday Leadership" video could add to the concept. There are ways to incorporate not only the currently listed videos but ones that are added or found throughout the Road to Wisdom program. This alone can add to the impact that is left on new members as they start their journey with Kappa Kappa Psi. There are currently opportunities to have different members of the chapters and

district teach lessons or speak in them. I want to push the use of guest speakers because hearing from different people is a simple way to keep a class engaged.

After this point, it is also important to educate active members. One way to educate members is through the Continuing Membership Education program found on the national website. This gives a laid out way to continue education. Another way to do this is through district events. A lot can be learned from other chapters and members. District events can be difficult for some chapters to attend because of geographic location. I want to live stream events for those who can not attend and find ways to make them more accessible to all. Meeting with members from different chapters also lets members see the diversity that Kappa Kappa Psi contains.

To continue bringing diverse ideas into the Fraternity, I want to focus on inclusivity in recruitment. After working with College of Education recruitment this past year, we have learned about inclusive language and opportunities. I want to bring this to Kappa Kappa Psi to be open to all kinds of people as we go into a new year with the chance for many new members.

Conclusion

In closing, my overall goal is to better the district through strong education and recruitment. I want to foster growth in education throughout the District in new ways because education is the foundation for understanding which will create a strong sense of brotherhood. The Midwest District has the potential to do great things through service, leadership, and musicianship. My passion for the organization, and belief in the motto, "Strive for the Highest," can help all chapters tap into this potential.

Thank you for your time and consideration through this process!

AEA,

Glenna Fulitano

Kappa Kappa Psi- Epsilon Omega

University of Nebraska- Lincoln

March 20, 2019

Brothers of the Midwest District of Kappa Kappa Psi:

Glenna Fulitano has asked me to write in support of her candidacy for the office of Vice President for the Midwest District of Kappa Kappa Psi and I am happy to do so. I've worked with Glenna in both the Cornhusker Marching Band and as a Member and of the Epsilon Omega Chapter here at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. She is dedicated to the Fraternity, and eager to lead.

In the short time I've known her, Ms. Fulitano has already distinguished herself. She serves and leads with cheerfulness and enthusiasm, and provides an excellent example for her Brothers and fellow Band members. She served as Vice President of her very large Membership Candidate Class and has served on the Chapter's Convention Bid Committee. On the District level, Glenna has attended a District Day in Ames, IA and started making connections. Along with her performance in the Cornhusker Band's Color Guard, she participates in one of our Campus Bands as a euphonium player, giving her a broad Band experience. She has excellent personal skills and enjoys wonderful relationships with her Brothers and peers in the Band program. She is also very organized and displays a high degree of professionalism in all correspondence. Glenna is ready, willing and capable to serve the District, and I'm confident in her potential.

Glenna Fulitano would be a solid choice for District Vice President. Her skills, devotion to the Fraternity and personal attributes make her a strong candidate for the position. I invite you to contact me by phone at 402/472-1643, or by e-mail at AFALCONE2@unl.edu so that I may talk about Ms. Fulitano in person. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Anthony M. Falcone
Associate Director of Bands, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
Faculty Sponsor, Epsilon Omega Chapter, Kappa Kappa Psi

To Whom It May Concern,

It is with absolute pleasure that I recommend Glenna Fulitano for the office of District Vice President of Membership on behalf of the Epsilon Omega Chapter and myself specifically, the Vice President of the Epsilon Omega Chapter. I have spent much time with Glenna over the last semester being her mentor as both the one teaching the membership education program classes and as her big. During this time, I have had the pleasure of watching Glenna's passion for this organization grow and noticing how proactive and driven she is towards not only our chapter but towards the entire organization.

Spending time with Glenna as her big has really allowed me to get to know her personality and her strengths and I am positive that she would be a great fit for this position. Not only is she extremely reliable, driven, and people orientated, but she also consistently demonstrated great leadership skills throughout all of the lessons and during the semester. She was never afraid to help steer an activity or conversation in a certain way and I could always count on her to be the first to help me out while executing an activity, reading, or when searching for someone to answer a question. Her undeniable love for learning is what set her apart right away. She was so keen on learning as much as she can about the chapter and the organization. It's clear that her curiosity stems from having a passion for Kappa Kappa Psi.

While it may be surprising to see someone so young and so newly initiated running for a District Office position I was not phased at all when Glenna told me her plans for running because it showcases just how driven she is and how much she cares about this organization. Glenna has been extremely proactive about Kappa Kappa Psi since the very beginning. It was only a few weeks into education classes that she told me during one of our big and little meetings that she wanted to run for Vice President of Membership for our chapter this year. We spent a lot of time discussing the position and she asked as many questions as she could. As the weeks passed by we continued to discuss the position and her questions started to form into new ideas for next year. I was so impressed by how quickly she had grasped the responsibilities of the position and how she was already coming up with ways to improve the position. Her enthusiasm towards running for chapter VPM soon translated over to running for District VPM as well. I noticed how enthralled she was with the organization at a District level before she even decided to run for this position. She had attended the District Day held at Iowa State and while there she was so excited to meet more people that she left with the goal of memorizing the name of every chapter in the district, which she achieved soon after we had gotten back. Glenna's love for learning, meeting new people, and her want to make our chapter better have made her into a natural leader within her Membership Candidate Class and already as an Active Member of our Chapter. I am positive that her positive attitude, natural leadership and communication skills, passion for this organization, and fresh set of eyes that are full to the brim of fresh new ideas gives her everything you need to take the Midwest District and the office of Midwest District Vice President of Membership to new heights that it has never seen.

I am so excited to see Glenna running for multiple positions within our chapter and the District Office. It is clear that she holds this organization as a high priority in her life and is really dedicated towards being a large part of it and wanting to help it grow. In such a short time Glenna has exemplified what it looks like to strive for the highest and I have nothing but high hopes for her and what she will help lead this organization towards in the next few years. I have no reservations about what an asset Glenna could be for the Midwest District Council and I am proud to give her the highest recommendation for the position of Midwest District Vice President of Membership. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions. You can reach me anytime at (763)-614-8129 or bechel.lindi@gmail.com.

AEA,

Lindi Bechel

Vice President, Epsilon Omega, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2018-2019

Brothers of the Midwest District,

I am incredibly excited to nominate one of our most excitable and blooming leaders, Glenna Fulitano, for Midwest District Vice President. Glenna represents a new generation of leaders within our chapter and the District. While she has not been a brother for long, I can already see that she is one of the most vocal members of our chapter and in the District. I will tell you some of my experiences with her and highlight her hasty rise within our chapter as it demonstrates her desire to serve bands to the best of her ability.

Her name first appeared on my radar during our bid process. For the first time in many years we had color guard members interested in joining our chapter—Glenna being one of them. While interest in joining is clearly something we all have, her interest was not quite so simple. No one in her section was a brother nor was she a music major. The level of recruitment for her situation was not very high. Nonetheless, she was gunning to become a brother. During our education classes, which I attended nearly all of, Glenna spoke up regularly and with purpose. Her comments were never superficial or humorous without meaning behind them. During that time, it becomes easy to see the next class of leaders and Glenna was certainly among them, if not leading them. I became even more impressed during our trip to Ames, Iowa for the spring District Day. We had nine Membership Candidates with us and only five Active brothers. Considering the MCs had never interacted with another chapter or traveled to an event, I was not expecting them to do much more than listen. It was not even the first group discussion that Glenna was raising her hand to speak and representing her group. She did it again—and again—and again. I was so impressed with her thoughts that I took my one cue to speak, answering the question, “what was one thing you enjoyed about District Day?” with the response, “seeing our Membership Candidates already engaging and speaking up at the District level makes me very excited for the future.”

By the middle of Membership Education, Glenna had already expressed to our Vice President [for Membership] and her Big, Lindi Bechel, that she desired to run for the District office of Vice President and for the Chapter office of Vice President for Membership. This may seem a little forward for a brother who has not been initiated, but our chapter has seen brothers do this in the past, at the chapter level anyway. Nonetheless, she wanted to serve more. Glenna was elected Vice President for Membership of the Epsilon Omega chapter this past weekend. Clearly our chapter expressed their faith in her to do good work. That passion has been displayed since before getting a bid to the present day.

As a Chapter President and graduating brother, I have been able to see successive generations of brothers within our chapter. Each group has their own goals and leaders as the years go. My time is quickly running out, but there is a new generation of brothers ready to take the reins and lead us forward. I encourage you to consider the benefits of having a young, energized brother on the District Executive Council. She may lack experience, but she makes up for it with her drive. Very few brothers have this much potential at this stage in brotherhood and helping her grow that passion to help the brotherhood is well worthwhile. Having a member on the District Council at such a young age would give us a better opportunity to plan long term District goals. Should you need any further information about Glenna, I am happy to answer questions. You may find me at trentonbuhr@gmail.com or (402) 310-6536. Glenna is an astounding brother deserving of your full consideration.

Strive for the Highest,



Trenton Buhr
President of the Epsilon Omega Chapter